

Sailing 20 June 2010

Winter Series 2

The winter blew up rough in the morning with some rain and gusty winds. The Electrons didn't race again but by lunchtime the rain had mostly cleared up and the wind had moderated, though we did have a small shower and there were a couple of strong gusts.



Gary Irwin has his first seasonal series win today (photo of finish above). Well done Gary, may you have many more. He has been practicing during the week so should continue to improve.

I managed two wins today with 100 and a 3rd and 4th plus assessed 2nd had the top day score of 11. Geoff McGill was just one point behind after a string of 2nd and 3rd places. Geoff Athinson also won two races and with 15 points was 3rd on the day.

Harry Bowles was the other race winner today.

John is still having problems with his boat leaking. He has redone the rudder shafting as that was suspected of causing the problem. The keel does not appear to be leaking any more. He has redone the hatch, but it still takes in quite a bit though no longer threatens to sink during a race.

Terry's sail servo played up again and he took the club boat improving to get a 2nd and a 3rd with this.

Kevin Webb is having some troubles with his radio gear. He has a Spektrum DX5e and it seems to lose connection sending the boat into a circle every now and again. On the last race he lost it coming to the line and watched helplessly as a couple of boats went past. Control then returns after a few seconds.

With 11 members well wrapped against the cold wind it was a good day's sailing.



The earlier rain had the pond just over the path.

MERC Winter Lecture Series:

The Sir Peter Blake MERC* at Long Bay is having a Winter Lecture Series on Friday nights at 7:30pm.

June 25 is by kiwi extreme adventurer Jamie Fitzgerald 'Oceans, Waves and Ice'.

The July 2nd lecture will be by Joe Allen, Team New Zealand's senior coach, on 'Life on the Bow with Team New Zealand'.

see MERC website at <http://www.merc.org.nz>.

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Occasionally light drifting conditions.

Next Week(s):

June 25: MERC lecture Jamie Fitzgerald 'Oceans, Waves and Ice'.

June 27: Winter Series continues.

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